

Yuletide rewards, high on collectors' wanted lists

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AS A LOT, coin collectors are "easy to please" at holiday gift-giving time, because most collectors have so many "wants."

High on any "want" list would be the most recent edition of the hobby's basic guidebooks. If your collector friend doesn't already have one of these, consider giving the 33d edition of "Handbook of U. S. Coins" [\$2.95] or the 29th edition of "A Guide Book of U. S. Coins" [\$3.95]. Both are by R. S. Yeoman and may be purchased in most coin or book stores.

Two other books which would make great

gifts would be the 24th edition of "Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money," by J. E. Charlton [\$3.95] or the 8th edition of Robert Friedberg's "Paper Money of the United States" [\$17.50].

The more sophisticated collector might enjoy Albert Pick's "Standard Catalog of World Paper Money" [\$15] or "Standard Catalog of World Coins," by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler [\$19.50], or "Coin World Almanac" compiled by the editors of Coin World, a weekly numismatic newspaper.

Those books are available locally, except for the almanac which was published Nov. 1. It

may be ordered for \$10 from Coin World, Sidney, Ohio 45365.

If your collector friend already has an extensive library, however, don't despair. Here are some other gift ideas:

- A gift certificate from your friend's favorite coin store. Most collectors would appreciate much more receiving a gift certificate—and be able to select their own coins—than to receive coins as a gift.

- Medals, which are minted to commemorate some person, place, or event. Since medals are not legal tender [they are not coins and cannot be "spent"], some coin collectors do not

collect them. However, if your friend does collect them, consider giving one of the many medals made this year to commemorate the Bicentennial.

- Subscription to a coin newspaper or periodical. Two of the most widely read are weeklies: Numismatic News Weekly [Iola, Wis. 54945] and the aforementioned Coin World [Sidney, Ohio 45365].

- Accessories. Such paraphernalia as coin folders, coin tubes, and magnifying glasses are essential to the coin hobbyist. Just check your friend's want list and visit a coin store.